REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication:	Sits.doc
Other Known Title:	Not Stated
Format:	Computer Text File
Director/Author:	Not Stated
Producer/Publisher:	Not Applicable
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	English
Applicant:	The District Court at Rangiora
Distributor:	Not Applicable
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive Note:	Not Applicable
Display Conditions:	Not Applicable
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Excisions:	Not Applicable

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

Summary of reasons for classification:

The publication entitled *Sits.doc* is classified as: Objectionable.

The publication is a computer text file comprising a sexually explicit story involving two young girls and an older man. This sexual activity is presented as being consensual and mutually pleasurable for the girls. For persons with a prurient interest in children, the publication is likely to validate that interest and strengthen the idea that children may be used for adult sexual gratification. As such, it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes under s3(2)(a) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 (FVPC Act) and is deemed objectionable.

The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the FVPC Act are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes.